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The Extremists

The nation has good cause to fear extremism, from left or right. But in the current flap over rightist extremism, the words of David Lawrence are very appropriate. A short time ago Lawrence pointed out in his column that both the true conservative and the true liberal want to preserve the Constitution.

The word liberal has come in to some disrepute in recent years because the radicals also are doing violence to the Constitution; they are liberals and speak of themselves as pursuing the liberal cause. This is not true. In being alarmed over the rise of extreme right wing radicalism, many of our leading politicians and government officials act as though this were the only threat to the U. S. form of constitutional government. There is also a very real and much older threat from the left.

The truth is that the great majority of Americans are neither radicals of the left or the right and will not be sold either bill of goods. The best answer American government can give to communism is to provide a steadily higher and higher standard of living, protect individual

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Sunday School Lesson

GROWTH TOWARD CHRISTIAN MATURITY

International Sunday School Lesson for December 31

Memory Selection: "Let us leave the elementary doctrines of Christ and go on to maturity."—(Hebrews 6:1).

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4:11-24.

The purpose of our study today is to point out some of the most outstanding marks of Christian maturity and to discuss ways in which we may attain this maturity. In this connection it is fitting that this last lesson in our present series should deal with maturity, for it is the goal toward which the growth discussed in the other lessons should move.

In the New Testament there are various passages that recognize the need for spiritual growth or progress toward maturity on the part of the Christian. Second Peter 1:5-7 assumes the possibility of such growth and advises the readers to strive for it. In Philippians 3:12-6 Paul acknowledges that he himself has not achieved full maturity, but is "straining forward" to attain it, and implies that such an attitude in itself indicates something of maturity of mind.

According to Hebrews, increasing understanding of even more profound truths of the Christian faith is a mark of maturity as well as an obligation of every professing Christian. Certainly religious ignorance is one serious indictment that can be leveled against us today. The command is to love God with all one's mind and to go beyond the elementary doctrines. The faith of childhood or that of a new convert is not enough for all the later years. It should grow in depth and breadth as we have new experiences. No thinking Christian, man or woman, will deny this.

In his letter to the Corinthian Church Paul pointed out that the factions that had been caused by the jealousy and strife among the members, with resulting divisions in the church, were a mark of immaturity. (I Corinthians 3:1-4).

A second mark is indicated in this passage, and also in Hebrews 5:12b-14. This was the inability to assimilate solid food—that is, the greater and more profound ideas of Christianity.

Because divisions in the church were an evidence of immaturity, it is not surprising that the Book of Ephesians stresses unity as a characteristic of maturity. Paul writes of maintaining "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" and of "building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith."

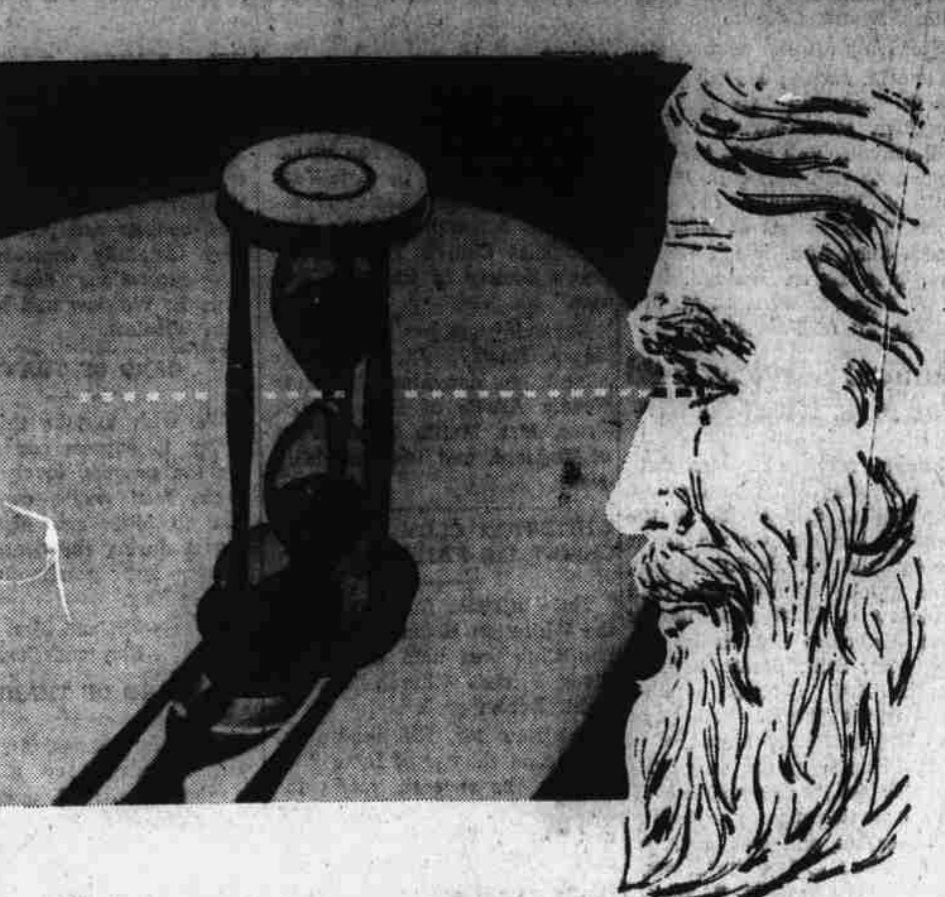
In verse 16 of Ephesians 4, "From whom the whole body—upbuilds itself in love..." the general meaning is clear. The writer was speaking of the progress toward maturity of the Christian community—the church. He uses two terms to refer to it, "growth" and "upbuilding." Christ is the source of the growth, but the grace he supplies is channeled through the individual members as each works properly. So each makes his own contribution, and all are mutually interdependent, and the "body" as a whole grows in and through them.

As we look around us, can we make an honest claim to having achieved this wonderful goal? Are we really mature in our growth towards Christianity?

As we realize the areas of our shortcomings, let us pray: Our Father, grant us the grace and courage to grow into mature manhood and womanhood in the Christian faith, that we may be worthy members of the body whose head is Christ. Amen.

(These comments are based on outlines of the International Sunday School Lessons, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education, and used by permission).

MAKE CHURCH GOING A HABIT



He could see time passing...

The folks who lived in the day of the hot glass had a psychological advantage. They could see time passing.

And as each fine grain slipped through the neck of the glass, a man's conscience would whisper within him: less time left!

When we look at a clock its hands seem motionless. Is that why millions put off the important decisions that ought to be made right now?

Whatever its cause, procrastination is a disease. It hurls the senses into indolence. It wastes out energy on trivial pursuits, while important tasks remain undone. Especially it attacks the soul, tempting man to believe that there will be plenty of time later to tend to his spiritual needs.

But the cure is simple... and immediate. Just set the alarm clock and begin the New Year with worship in your Church. You'll soon be facing every important task with eagerness and courage and faith!

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 Epworth Church: 1st Sunday, 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
 Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.

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 Dan E. Meadows, Pastor
 New Hope: Church School, 10 A. M.; worship services, 11 A. M., 1st and 3rd Sundays; 7:30 P. M., 2nd and 4th Sundays.
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 Morning Worship, 11 A. M.;
 Training Union, 6:30 P. M.;
 Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
 Hershel Hill, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 A. M.;
 Worship Service, 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.;
 Youth Fellowship, 8:30 P. M.;
 Prayer Service, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
 A. E. Hammett, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
 Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
 Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
 Paul Andrew, Pastor
 Church School 10 A. M.
 Morning worship 11 A. M.
 Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

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 Walter Hill, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.
 Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Fred Still, Pastor
 Church School 9:45 A. M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock
 Youth Fellowship, 5:45 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM A. E. Barefoot, Pastor
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 Morning Worship 11 o'clock
 Young People's meeting at 6:15 P. M.
 Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock

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 all at 11 A. M.;
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